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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL APPROACH AGAINST EXPULSION OF SOUTH  
AFRICA FROM UN

REF: (A) STATE 230016 (B) PARIS 24593

1. IN ABSENCE FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES WHO  
CURRENTLY VISITING MIDDLE EAST, I DELIVERED SECRETARY'S  
MESSAGE ON SOUTH AFRICAN EXPULSION ISSUE TO STATE  
SECRETARY DESTREMAU MORNING OCTOBER 21. AT FIRST DESTREMAU  
SAID HE WOULD HOLD MESSAGE UNTIL SAUVAGNARGUES RETURNED  
TO HIS OFFICE WEDNESDAY MORNING, BUT WHEN I INDICATED  
SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE HAD ALREADY BEGUN, DESTREMAU  
AGREED TO BEGIN TAKING ACTION ON A RESPONSE IMMEDIATELY.

2. DURING DISCUSSION, DESTREMAU SAID GOF AGREED WITH  
ALL OF OUR ARGUMENTS AGAINST EXPULSION OF GOVERNMENT  
BECAUSE UN MEMBERS DISAGREE WITH ITS POLICIES. QUESTION  
OF PROCEDURES' HOWEVER, MORE DELICATE FOR FRENCH  
BECAUSE OF THEIR SPECIAL TIES TO AFRICA.  
DESTREMAU SERVED ON GOF DELEGATION TO CURRENT UNGA FOR  
SEVERAL WEEKS, AND IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION AFRICAN GROUP  
DOES NOT REALLY WANT SOUTH AFRICA EXPELLED, BUT WOULD  
PREFER TO HAVE RESOLUTION DEFEATED THROUGH A VETO. HE  
INDICATED THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING'S FOREIGN  
POLICY CALLS FOR MAINTENANCE OF SPECIAL FRENCH RELATION-  
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SHIP WITH FRANCOPHONE AFRICA WHICH WILL BE IMPORTANT

FACTOR IN GOF DECISION ON THIS QUESTION.

3. COMMENT: EMBOFF SOUNDINGS WITH OTHER LEVELS OF QUAI  
D'ORSAY, INCLUDING UN DIRECTOR LEPRETTE OCTOBER 19,  
INDICATE GOF STILL LEANING TOWARD ABSTENTION AS  
INDICATED REFTTEL (B). IN VIEW OF SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP  
TO AFRICA, AND PRESIDENT GISCARD'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN  
AFRICA, DECISION WILL PROBABLY BE MADE AT HIGHEST  
LEVEL. SECRETARY'S MESSAGE WAS THEREFORE TIMELY AND  
HELPFUL.  
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